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VIOLATION OF CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Pakistani troops have opened fire on Indian positions along the Line of Control (LoC) during the current years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of occasions, the Pakistani troops have violated ceasefire agreement, so far;

(d) the details of loss suffered in such firings;

(d) whether the Government has registered protest against the breach of ceasefire; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to check the recurrence of such incidents?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) & (b): Since January 2008,34 incidents of firing on Indian positions have taken place on the Line of Control.

(c) & (d): A total of 58 incidents of ceasefire violations by the Pakistani side have taken place since the ceasefire came into effect in November, 2003. Our troops suffered four fatal and thirteen non-fatal casualties due to such firings.

(e) & (f): Protests have been registered through the established mechanisms of hotline, flag meetings as well as weekly talks between the Directors General of Military Operations.Suitable measures have been enforced by own troops deployed along the Line of Control to ensure its sanctity. Strong retaliatory action is taken against any attempts of violation of the Line of Control,while maintaining adequate restraint to prevent escalation.